

Appl. No. 10/672,522
Amdt. dated April 19, 2006
Reply to Office Action of February 6, 2006

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

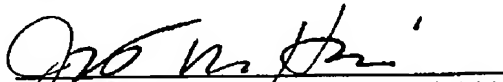
Applicants received the Office Action dated February 6 2006, in which the Examiner: 1) rejected claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 8-11, 13, 14, 16 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Leifer (U.S. Pat. No. 6,459,171, hereinafter "Leifer"); and 2) objected to claims 3, 6, 7, 12, 15, 18, 19 and 20 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but otherwise allowable. With this Response, Applicants amend claims 1, 5, 7, 10, 13, 16, 19 and 20 and cancel claims 3, 6, 12, 15, and 18.

Applicants' claim amendments focus on the subject matter from various dependent claims that the Examiner concluded was patentable. Specifically, claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations from claim 3. The limitations of dependent claim 6 have been included into independent claim 5. Similarly, the limitations of dependent claims 12, 15, and 18 have been included into independent claims 10, 13, and 16, respectively. Dependent claims 7 and 19 have been rewritten in independent form. To correct an inadvertent error, claim 20 has been amended to depend on claim 19. At least for the reasons already determined by the Examiner, the Examiner should find all pending claims to be in condition for allowance.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. It is believed that no extensions of time or fees are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to Hewlett-Packard Development Company's Deposit Account No. 08-2025.

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